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E-08870**Re: APPROVAL - EXCAVATION PLAN FOR AREA 1, PHASE IV**

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Ohio EPA has reviewed DOE's submittal on the, "Excavation Plan for Area 1, Phase IV Rev 0 FINAL (20730-PL-0001)" received on December 5, 2003. Ohio EPA approves of this excavation plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Bohannon or me at (937) 285-6466.

Sincerely,

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